

GILTY

By Bertha Hempstead

Mrs. Marion Morrow entertained a few friends informally this afternoon in compliance to Miss Lillian Stone, whose marriage to Mr. Beryl Johnson will be an event of New Year's day.

Miss Morrow, who teaches at the public schools of Springfield, Mo., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. O. S. Morrow, of 1915 Harrison street. She is a close friend of Miss Stone's, and is to be her maid of honor at the wedding. The company this afternoon are members of the bride party and two or three other close friends, including Miss Stone, Miss Ella Waldron, Miss Grace Gaines, Miss Corinne Ripley, Miss Grace Dana, Miss Wilma Shoemaker, Miss Gladys Shaw, Miss Lois Lindsay and Miss Morrow.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson will give a festive party Tuesday afternoon for Miss Stone at her home in Greenwood avenue. Mrs. Johnson is Mr. Beryl Johnson's mother.

The Sigma Chi fraternity is to have a banquet Thursday night in Kansas City at the Hotel Manhattan at 7 o'clock. All the alumni of the city as well as the active members of the fraternity now attending the universities of Missouri and Kansas are invited to the party. The patriarchs of the fraternity living in Kansas City will be present. The list of them includes Mr. Macley Lyon, who used to live in Topeka. Mr. Joe Council is also to be among the alumni who will attend.

Mr. Bruce McFarland, who is a student in Northwestern university, is visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. D. McFarland, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Schuman of Mercurville, are holiday guests of Mrs. Stillman's parents, Judge and Mrs. McFarland, and Mr. John McFarland, came to Topeka to spend the holiday season. Mr. Jim McFarland, of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mr. Katherine McFarland, of the State Agricultural college, Manhattan, are also in Topeka for the reunion of the McFarland family.

The high school classes of former years are holding reunions during the holiday season, when members of the class are to college or employed in other cities, are home for a few days.

The January, 1911, class will have a reunion Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Helen Douglas. The January, 1912, class will have a spread Wednesday at the home of Miss Lee Wright.

The January, 1913, class of the Topeka high school will have a reunion Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy C. Petro, 714 Tyler street.

Miss Juliette Hughes will have guests at dinner Thursday evening and Saturday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Hogeboom will give a watch party Friday evening for sixteen of their friends.

The informal dancing club will give its regular fortnightly dance this evening at the country club.

Mr. Merrill Gage has returned from New York City, and will spend the coming year with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Gage, who has been in New York for some time studying painting and sculpture. He is engaged to open a studio in the rear of his home, and will give an exhibit of his work soon. He has been studying at the Art Academy, a sculptor of note in New York.

Mr. Larry Huey and Mr. Frank Fable will give a holiday dancing party Thursday night at Kellam hall. The music will be furnished by Hall's orchestra. The party will be rather more elaborate than the usual subscription dance, on account of the season, and because there are so few holiday dances this year.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Cottrell, give a Christmas tree party and dinner at their home, 1139 Garfield avenue. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Porter S. Cook of Salina Springs, Arkansas, Mrs. Gordon and Miss Emma Gordon, and Dr. Jesse Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moneybenny have asked guests for a party tonight in honor of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Kimbrough, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Topeka.

For years a certain Topeka man has been planning to go hunting. He was something of a sportsman in his bachelor days, and made his annual expeditions to Chicago, where he hunted and actually brought back the game. But since he has taken upon himself the duties and solemnities of matrimony, he has planned many a shooting trip, but the happy hunting grounds have not been haunted by him so much as his knees. When duck hunting time came, he brightened up his old musket, and invited his friends to go with him to the country. In recent seasons he discussed the best new shells, but the time did not come when he was actually free to get off over the hills and far away.

Then by some lucky chance, he found nothing to hinder him from a hunting excursion on Christmas day. He prepared his hunting kit, cranked up his automobile and sped away about eight miles into the country. Then he tramped around after the manner of hunters looking for game. As luck came on the way, a duck swam a while, shallow pond. His hand had not lost its cunning in the years of idleness, and he brought down the bird. He was determined not to be cheated of the spoils of the day, he made up his mind to get that duck. It was a skinny little bird, to be sure, but this man had not tasted wild duck for years and to him it was the most appetizing dish known to his palate.

So he sat himself on some wet, spongy grass on the bank and peeled off his shoes and socks, rolled up his trousers to his knees, and waded out into the pond. The thin pieces of ice bumped merrily against his feet, and his feet were not cold, cold oozed in the bottom of the pond. But he recurred his prize, carried it ashore, dried his feet as well as he could with his pocket handkerchief and his hunting sack, and got his socks and shoes on again. Then he tramped a mile and a half to his car and drove to town with the wild in his face. When he arrived he gave his wife orders to have that duck for Sunday dinner, and then he hurried off to bed, shaken with chills and shivering in all his bones.

Bright and early Sunday morning the wife's sister arrived for a visit. The thoughtful wife carefully roasted the little duck whole for the husband

and provided a generous amount of roast beef for the rest of the family. The suffering husband rose and dressed for dinner, thinking that though he was too ill to enjoy a meal, there was one thing he could eat with a relish, and that was his duck.

The beef was sliced, and the platter was passed to the visitor. She took the duck.

The poor Nimrod hobbled back to bed, and he is there today. The ache in his limbs is past and gone, but he is laid up with plain heart-sickness.

Notes and Personal Mention.
Dr. Alice Porter of Baldwin is visiting Miss Laura Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Wolf of Monmouth, Ill., are guests of Justice and Mrs. Silas Porter.

Justice and Mrs. R. A. Burch and their daughter, Miss Winifred Burch, and their son, Mr. Angelus Burch, are in Salina for the holidays visiting Justice Burch's mother.

Miss Mabel Ellis of Kansas City is making a holiday visit to Mrs. June Chapman. Mr. Perry Chapman returned to Kansas City this morning, after spending the week-end with his mother, Mrs. June Chapman.

Mr. Will Benton has returned from Wichita, where he spent Christmas with Mrs. Benton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burrows. Mrs. Benton and her children will remain in Wichita the rest of the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Arnold and their cousin, Lucile Fisher, will leave January 10 to spend a part of the winter in Miami and Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Elizabeth McKee gave a Christmas dinner at six o'clock Saturday evening for the following guests: Mrs. J. R. Miller of Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. George Cunningham of Chicago; Mrs. Lee J. Smith of Kansas City; Miss Elizabeth Higgins of Kansas City; Mr. Travis of Toronto, Canada; Miss Edna Slater of Oklahoma City; the Rev. Mr. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher of Arkansas City; Mrs. Henry and Miss May Smith of Topeka.

Mr. Arthur Lingaert left Sunday night to return to Oklahoma, after spending Christmas with Mrs. Lingaert at the home of her mother, Mrs. James Brown. Mrs. Lingaert will remain in Topeka a week or two longer.

Mr. Alfred Cole will leave Sunday for Manhattan to resume his work as a student in the State Agricultural college. He is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cole.

Mrs. Chauncey Dewar of Manhattan, and Mrs. Theodore Strattinger of Minneapolis, Minn., who are visiting their people in Topeka, are spending today in Kansas City.

Mr. Don Hille of Chicago is visiting his sister, Mrs. Joe Morgan. He came to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Hille, who is visiting the Morgan home, and Mrs. Morgan.

Miss Kate Thomsen spent Christmas with her parents in Junction City. Mr. and Mrs. Thomsen are now in Junction City, where Mr. Thomsen is in charge of his home in Van Buren street.

Miss Mary Whitton of the Whitton-Cochran school, Lincoln, Neb., is spending the holidays with her people in Topeka.

PAID BY PROXY

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Keys and Records to Steward.
When the new board of managers stepped into control of the Dodge City soldiers' home and the Bickerdike home, Dr. J. S. Chase was disarmed of his keys and records by the new board.

Dr. Chase turned the keys and records over to the new board, and the institution over to the steward when Kyle failed to report for duty.

At this time, the institution was in a state of confusion. The new board had not yet taken charge of the home and had not been in one hundred miles of the home during the time for which he was allowed to draw his full salary. It was not until August 18 that the superintendent reported for service, yet the July payroll shows that he stored up as an acting actually performed the duties of his office.

The payroll also shows that the chairman of the board of managers permitted that such services had been rendered and authorized its payment.

The August payroll was made up, however, the 18 missing days of that month were deducted because the manager had not been in the home. Yet he had been allowed to draw pay for all of the preceding month.

Expense of Auditing.
Another feature in connection with the "reform" institutions at Bickerdike home, concerns the expense in auditing records of the institution. The old board handled the work in such a way that it was a part of their regular monthly services. The new board, which began its work on January 1, said to have put in ten days on several occasions. It has also been asserted that much of the work of auditing records is now done by a special state employee appointed to check the records.

At this time, it is claimed, three members of the Kyle family are on the state payroll at Bickerdike home. At Dodge City, Commandant Martin records of the contract and the payroll of the state with the consent and approval of the board of managers.

Soldiers Like Their Coffee.
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